

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 10 with the following rewritten version:

Among ventilation systems, air conditioners and air cleaners, sometimes a centrifugal fan such as a turbofan or a diagonal-flow fan of the type that sucks in gas from a rotating shaft direction and blows out the gas in a direction intersecting the rotating shaft is used. The impeller configuring the centrifugal fan is mainly configured by a resin-made end plate (main plate) that is rotated around the rotating shaft by a drive mechanism such as a motor, plural resin-made blades that are annularly disposed around the rotating shaft and integrally molded with the end plate, and a resin-made end ring (side plate) that is disposed such that it sandwiches the plural blades between itself and the end plate in the shaft direction and is fixed to the plural blades. In order to reduce the weight of the impeller, sometimes the blades are made hollow by disposing a space inside the blades when the plural blades are integrally molded with the end ring (e.g., see ~~Patent Document 1 and Patent Document 2~~ Japanese Patent Publication No. 8-159091 and Japanese Utility Model Application Publication No. 4-116699).